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கொடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள். அது சர்க்காருக்கு வரவில்லை என்று அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் கூறியிருக்கிறார்கள். அதற்குள்ள காரணங்கள் என்ன என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

கனம் திரு. சே. ம. அ. மஜீத் : வந்து சேரவில்லை என்றால், வரவில்லை என்று தான் சொல்ல முடியும்.

கனம் சபாநாயகர் : கேள்விகள் முடிவடைந்தன.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—CALLING ATTENTION TO SUDDEN REDUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY CO-OPERATIVES.

SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN : I wish to call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Co-operation to a matter of urgent public importance, namely, sudden reduction of financial assistance by Co-operatives to the agriculturists, weavers and other weaker sections of the community and thereby arresting the growth of production and affecting the economic welfare of the poor at large.

THE HON. SRI N. NALLASENAPATHI SARKARAI MANRADIAR : The agriculturists are provided cultivation credit through the agricultural credit societies with reference to the cost of cultivation for the different crops. The volume of credit (loans) thus provided has been steadily on the increase year after year as shown below :—

	RUPEES IN CRORES.
1961–62	30·51
1962–63	36·92
1963–64	42·94
1964–65	44·07

The land mortgage banks provide long-term credit payable in 10 to 20 years for the purpose of development of lands and discharge of prior debts. While these banks issued Rs. 3.27 crores during the year 1963–64, the amount issued during the year 1964–65 was Rs. 3.51 crores.

Thus, there has been increase in the provision of credit to the agriculturists by the Co-operatives for the previous year.

Assistance to Weavers Co-operatives.—There has been no reduction in the financial assistance given by the Weavers Co-operatives to the members for production purposes. In the beginning of the Third Five-Year Plan, (i.e.) 1961–62, the total credit limit enjoyed by the Weavers Co-operatives amounted to Rs. 229 lakhs while it was increased to Rs. 391 lakhs in 1964–65. Even taking Five-Year Plan provision, the quantum of provision of the Second Five-Year Plan was Rs. 712·42 lakhs, while in the Third Plan, provision is Rs. 747 lakhs. For the Fourth Plan a provision of Rs. 11.35 crores has been proposed. Provision for assistance given by Government

to Weavers Societies has been on the increase from one plan period to another plan period and consequently the assistance given by the Societies also increased.

Assistance to other weaker sections.—There are 97 labour contract societies with about 15,000 labourers including Harijans, as members. Towards the share capital, working capital, implements, etc., a sum of Rs. 2.66 lakhs was provided as subsidy and loans by the Government during the year 1964–65 as against Rs. 1.12 lakhs during the previous year.

There are fourteen Salt Manufacturing Co-operative Societies of which 13 have been formed by workers and one by licensees. Out of thirteen societies, 6 societies are exclusively for Harijans numbering 750. Co-operative Central Banks provide finance required by the Salt Workers Co-operative Societies to a certain extent. Under the rules governing the grant of loans to licensing salt manufacturers, the Government of India also assist the societies for developing salt production. The State Government have also been assisting these societies by granting subsidies for construction of platforms, godowns, etc., loan for working capital and share capital and free services of co-operative staff. There is no reduction in the financial assistance by Salt Manufacturing Co-operatives.

There are 385 fishermen co-operative societies in the State as on 31st March 1964. They extend financial assistance to fishermen like sanction of long-term and medium-term loans, loan for construction of godowns, etc. There has been no decrease in the provision of financial assistance to the fishermen co-operatives.

There are various other types of societies formed exclusively for the benefit of Harijans and hill tribes like land colonisation societies, washermen co-operative societies, milk supply societies, marketing societies, barbers' societies, etc. There is no reduction in the grant of financial assistance by these societies to their members.

It is seen from the above that there has been no change in the policy of this Government necessitating sudden reduction of financial assistance by co-operatives to the agriculturists, weavers and other backward classes of the community. The statement of the hon. Member is too general. If the hon. Member cites any specific instance, a suitable reply will be given.

III.—ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) THE MADRAS HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1965

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that I have received a message from the Hon. Chairman of the Madras Legislative Council that the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Bill, 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 17 of 1965) has been passed by the Legislative Council without any amendment.